

PLANS FOR SCHOOL BETTERMENT GET UNITED SUPPORT

Various Interests Represented
in Hearing Before Legisla-
tors Urge Better Conditions
for Schools.

Pleas for a betterment in conditions surrounding the conduct of the public schools in Memphis were made before representatives of the Shelby county delegation to the legislature at a meeting in the courtroom of Second chancery court Saturday morning. To judge from the unanimity of the various interests making the requests and the very evident sympathetic attitude of the delegation, the schools of the city will work on a constantly improving plane for the next two years at least.

Members of both the old and new boards of education, City Superintendent Wharton S. Jones, representatives of the Parent-Teacher association, the educational committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the city commission and various private citizens made talks before the delegation.

The program regarding finances, agreed upon at a meeting between the city commission and representatives of the two school boards, was presented by Bolton Smith, representing the educational committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and were endorsed by representatives of other interests.

Charles J. Haase, former member of the board, appeared before the delegation in the interest of a fund for teachers' pensions, and was appointed to select a committee to draft a bill embodying a pension, to be presented to the legislature.

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**INDICT FIVE FOR
SHIP CONSPIRACY**
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Indictments for conspiracy to defraud the shipping board were returned Friday in five cases by the United States grand jury at Philadelphia. It was announced here by Chairman Benson.

Right of the indictments were obtained as a result of investigations by the board. Others are expected to follow.

The five men were charged with conspiring to supply the board at Hog Island with inferior materials and the total sum involved was \$20,000. It was alleged.

BANDIT SPOUSE SAYS THREAT WAS MADE FOR ACT

Irene Shaw Claims Fear
Caused Her to Carry Guns
to County Jail to Aid Escape
of Men.

That Sam McKee, one of the men held in connection with the escape of the "party of three" and the murder of Jailer George T. Reeves, threatened the life of Mrs. Irene Shaw, wife of A. F. Shaw, unless she carried pistols to the county jail at the fall has been brought out in a statement made by the woman to Inspector Will Griffin.

The second statement of the woman, somewhat altered, was that Mrs. Shaw at first declared that it was an unconquerable love for her husband that made her deliver the "death pistol."

"Your life won't be worth much unless you deliver the guns," Mrs. Shaw is quoted by Inspector Griffin as telling him during her quizzing Friday.

McKee still is being detained at police headquarters. J. D. Bell also is being held, and bills asking the indictment of both may be presented to the grand jury Tuesday.

T. E. McLendon, arrested at police headquarters Tuesday following his appearance in police court on a minor charge, was released from the county jail Friday. Police are satisfied he had no connection with the escape.

J. A. Thomas probably will be released Saturday, according to Inspector Griffin. Thomas, according to the delegation in the interest of a fund for teachers' pensions, and was appointed to select a committee to draft a bill embodying a pension, to be presented to the legislature.

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WIDOW RISK HUNGER STRIKE ARRIVES N. Y. S.

Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney Completes Journey to Testify on
Conditions in Erin—Hun-
dreds Mass to Greet Her.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late Lord MacSwiney of Cork, who died on a hunger strike in London's Brixton prison, stepped quietly down the gangplank from the ship's gray liner Celtic this morning, landing here on her long journey to testify before the committee of one hundred investigating conditions in Ireland.

The little woman, clad in mourning, before being taken to the hotel, was escorted by Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late lord mayor, who made the journey with her.

Outside the entrance to the pier, hundreds of men, women and children wearing mourning bands and carrying flags of the Irish republic, were massed to greet the widow, but they appeared from a different exit than was expected and stepped into a waiting taxicab and were well started before the crowd knew they had landed. Immediately the taxicab was surrounded by a throng of Irish republicans who were to form a parade to escort Mrs. MacSwiney to a Fifth avenue hotel.

Quiet marked the reception of the two women, who were the first to step ashore when the Celtic berthed. A reception committee surrounded the taxicab which reached Twenty-third street, seven blocks from the pier, before the crowd knew they had landed. A band struck up with the Star Spangled Banner and "Irish Republic" airs, cheers were raised and the parade got under way after the confusion which had marked the unexpected exit from the pier sheds of Mrs. MacSwiney.

Officially welcomed Mrs. MacSwiney through Grover A. Whelan, commissioner of plants and structures, representing the mayor, and the day J. J. Fawcett, Irish consul at New York and personal representative of Eamon de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," accompanied by Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the New York Times, Mrs. MacSwiney going out to the Celtic on the coast guard cutter which put customs and newspapermen aboard the liner.

Passengers on the big steamer said Mrs. MacSwiney remained in her cabin much of the voyage from Liverpool, and that she was virtually the entire trip.

The police boats "Patrol" and "John P. Hyland" carried welcoming delegations of a number of organizations of Irish sympathizers.

The parade, which formed in considerable confusion, and confusion, turned into Fifth avenue at Twenty-third street. There a number of labor union bodies, bearing their union flags, swam into line with a band.

TENNESSEE G. O. P. OPPOSES TAYLOR'S SON AS SECRETARY

Proposed Naming of Demo-
crat for Place Has Stirred
Up Leaders at Nashville.
Fowler Boosted for Cabinet

(Special to The News Scimitar.)
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 4.—All is not serene in the camp of the G. O. P. leaders in Tennessee. According to whisperings heard about the hotel lobbies, certain Republican leaders in the state are in arms against the appointment of Ben Taylor, Democratic son of the Republican governor-elect, as secretary to his father. They are not hesitating to advise "Uncle Alf" of such displeasure, so the story goes, and many of the leading Republicans have announced that in the event Colonel Taylor does name his son for the place that they will never put foot across the threshold of the executive offices at the capitol.

In other words, said G. O. P. leaders, they are saying that they do not propose to run the gauntlet of Ben Taylor and his Democratic advisers every time they want to get in to see the governor. They say that the governor's son didn't even make a speech for his father in the recent campaign, although he was urged to get in the fight "because the parties were divided" and many Democrats were "making no bones" about supporting Taylor.

The further objection is being raised to the appointment of the governor's son to the place because of his law partnership with Thad A. DeLoach, a well-known East Tennessee Democrat who is rather abnoxious to the Republicans of that section. The Republicans are afraid, it is said, that the young man might be influenced by other Democrats. While there had been more or less discussion with respect to a place in Harding's cabinet for some good Southern Republican, the leaders of the party in this section and in certain other sections of the state are turning their eyes to James A. Fowler, of Knoxville. Mr. Fowler will be an applicant for the post of United States attorney-general. It is said, the leaders point out that he has served in the Tatt cabinet as assistant to the attorney-general and that he has been brought out that Fowler is one of the few Republicans in the state who espouse the cause of Warren G. Harding before the national convention in Chicago.

If a Southern Republican is given a place in the cabinet, one prominent party man declared today, "it will either be given to Fowler, of Knoxville, or Hottel, of Kentucky. Of the two I would think Fowler's chances are better because Kentucky failed to elect a Republican and Tennessee didn't fail."

**FITZHUGH TALKS TO
CIVITANS AT LUNCH**
W. H. Fitzhugh, local lawyer and former president of the Chamber of Commerce, who presided at the luncheon held Friday at Hotel Gayoso. He made a plea for the public utilities law, saying that he had been in favor of the law when he was with the Chamber of Commerce.

It was decided at the meeting to arrange for a supper-dance during the Christmas holidays, but chances for the party were slim. A committee was appointed to look into these details.

**ROTARIANS WILL HEAR
COTTON EXPORT TALK**
Gerald Fitzgerald, of Clarksville, Miss., president of the organization that proposes to export cotton to Europe to be manufactured into goods and sold, the exporter to be paid from the proceeds of the manufacturing project, will relate in his address to the plans of his company to the Rotary club at its regular meeting Tuesday at the Hotel Chiles. Mrs. Harriet Lueders, chairman of the committee, will introduce the speaker.

Good-fellows, being a possession of desirable or attractive qualities, benevolent, gracious.

ARGENTINE PUTS EAGLE IN HUFF OVER TREATMENT

South American Republic
Charges President Hymans
Refused Them Recognition.
Council Notified.

BY NEWTON C. PARKE,
(International News Service Staff
Correspondent.)
GENEVA, Dec. 4.—Official announcement was made today that Argentina has withdrawn from the league of nations.

The trouble between Argentina and the league dates back to Wednesday when President Paul Hymans, of the league of nations assembly, charged with giving no official recognition to protests made by the Argentine delegation. The Argentine delegates made further protests against their treatment and were supported by other South American countries.

(By the Associated Press.)
GENEVA, Dec. 4.—Argentina's delegation to the assembly of the league of nations did not appear during the first hour of today's meeting.

Honorable Pueyrredon, head of the delegation refused to attend Argentina was withdrawing from the league.

"I can not discuss the matter at this time," he said to the Associated Press at his hotel. The Argentine representatives were in conference when Senator Pueyrredon was seen today. The Argentine foreign minister declared he would probably go to the assembly meeting later, but up until noon he had not appeared.

The fact that Senator Pueyrredon did not attend today's meeting, suppressed excitement in the assembly, especially among South Americans. His refusal to deny reports that Argentina would withdraw from the league after he had characterized them last night as false, was believed to be due to a communication from the Argentine government this morning.

George Nicoll Barnes, of Great Britain, was prepared today to ask the assembly to agree to accept his failure to use its good offices in an endeavor to keep the Russian Bolsheviks and the Poles from fighting last summer.

Francisco Garcia Calderon, the Peruvian minister to France, arrived yesterday to replace Dr. Marjaval as secretary of the Argentine delegation to the assembly of the league.

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"I am the mother of 11 children," declared Mrs. Tomlinson in defense of her attitude toward the burial which she advocates in preference to the burial the bandit would receive at the hands of officials.

Three of my boys were in France, and no mother knows what her son will do. I am just a Christian, a member of the Central Baptist church, and it is because a mother's heart goes out that I am doing this," she said.

**Cloudy and Rains
Promised for Week**
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

North and Middle Atlantic states: Moderate temperatures, considerable cloudiness and occasional rains.

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Twenty-four hours to noon Dec. 4:
Hour. Dry bulb. Wet bulb. Humidity.
7 p.m. yesterday 57 57 97
7 a.m. today 53 53 91
Now today 53 53 87
Maximum 54 54 87
Minimum 53 53 87
Sun sets today 4:48 p.m.; rises tomorrow 6:54 a.m. Moon rises 2:21 a.m. tonight. Precipitation .92 inch.

Tennessee—Unsettled; colder.
Mississippi—Fair; colder.
Arkansas—Fair; colder.
Alabama—Rain; colder.
Kentucky—Unsettled; colder.
Louisiana—Showers; colder.
Oklahoma—Fair; warmer.
North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida—Rain.
East and West Texas—Fair.

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